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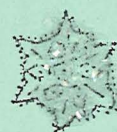
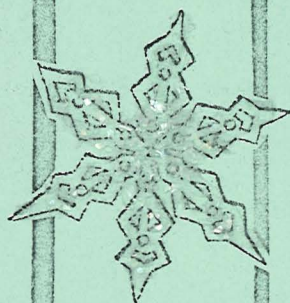
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UNOPA NOTES

* UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION *
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Merry Christmas

When Christmas bells are ringing
The carols old and true,
Of you, dear friend, I'm thinking,
And I send my wish to you. . .



When Christmas bells are ringing
This is the prayer I send,
With the old-time Christmas greeting. . .
God's peace be yours, my friend.

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Here are some suggestions for Christmas gifts and Christmas activities at the University:

GIFT IDEAS

Art Shop Christmas Fair, Sheldon Memorial Art
Gallery beginning December 5.

Books, University of Nebraska Press, 215 Nebraska
Hall holiday purchases at 20% discount.

YWCA Christmas Bazaar, Gateway Auditorium (because
Nebraska Union space is not available) -- Friday,
December 9, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cheese Boxes, Department of Dairy Science, 208
Dairy Industry Building, will be mailed for
you if you wish.

Hams available through the "Block and Bridle Club"
Department of Animal Science, 201 Animal Science
Building -- November 13 to December 22

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS-----

Sunday, December 3, 3:00 p.m. -- University Choral
Concert, East Campus Activities Building.

Sunday, December 3, 4:00 p.m. -- University Singers Carol
Concert, St. Paul Methodist Church.

Monday, December 4, -- East Campus Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Sunday, December 10, 3:00 p.m. -- Messiah Coliseum.

Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. -- Madrigal Singers Christmas Concert
Nebraska Union Ballroom.

Sundays and holidays, 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. --
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 2:45 p.m.

"Star of Bethlehem during
Christmas 7 BC" Mueller
Planetarium.

It is
Christmas in America:



Christmas, heralded in most American Towns with neon lights along the busy streets, has the brightest light of all on the highest building -- The Christmas Star. It is placed at the top of our Christmas trees for the same reason: to symbolize the manifestation of the birth of Jesus and the journey of the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem.

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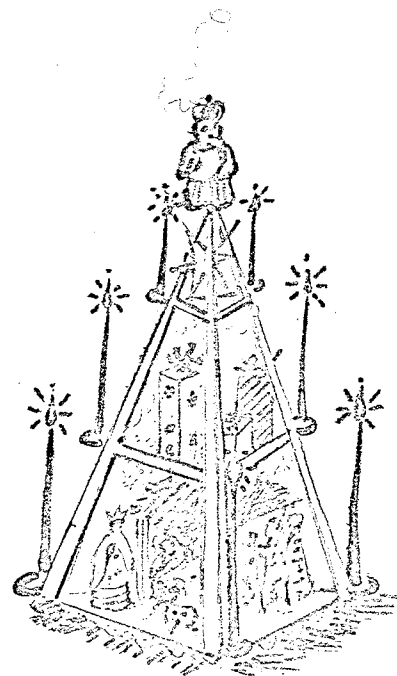
--is a definite word and not an abbreviation devised by laziness. It began in the early days of Christianity when persecution drove the believers underground, in Rome. "X" was considered a reverent sign, used in secrecy, as a reminder of the cross on which Christ was crucified.

It is
Christmas in Italy:

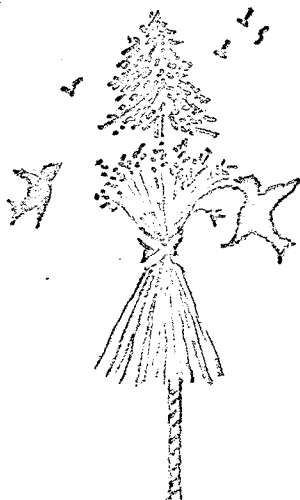
In Italy, the Ceppo is equivalent to our Christmas tree. It is made with a framework of lath-like strips of wood with three or four shelves, graduating in size as shown. They may be made of wood or heavy cardboard. Paint with several colors of paint and add tufts and tassels along the sides. Ornament the edges with tiny pine cones and candles and place a much larger cone or a puppet at the top.

It is customary for each child to have his own Ceppo. The upper shelves hold gifts and some hold candy and nuts. The infant Jesus, surrounded by shepherds, saints, and angels, is placed on the bottom shelf.

A large scale Ceppo would make a novel arrangement for gifts for the whole family.



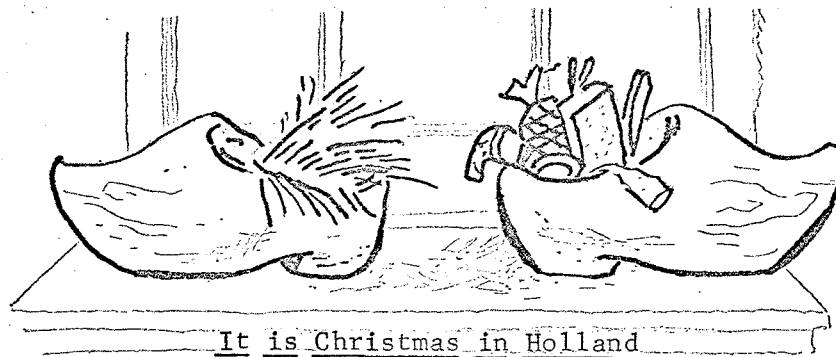
It is Christmas
in Norway and Sweden



In Scandinavian countries no one is ever forgotten. Even the animals in the barn receive extra rations and a sheaf of wheat, dipped in suet, is hung outside so the birds, too, will have their Christmas. It is fastened to a long pole which stands in the middle of the yard. There is not a peasant in all Sweden who will sit down with his children until he has first raised aloft a Christmas dinner for the little birds that live in the snow.

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Christmas greens may be preserved by putting the stems that have large, thick leaves into a solution of one part glycerin and two parts water and allowing them to remain in it until all the water is evaporated. It will take about three weeks.



In St. Nicholas countries, on the 6th of December, children place their shoes outside the window, hoping St. Nicholas will drive by with gifts for good boys and girls. He rides on a white horse, followed by a cart laden with parcels to be left at different houses. Before they go to sleep, the children stuff their shoes with hay and place a saucer of water beside them so the horse will have something to eat during the journey. American children could follow this custom by filling their shoes with food for Santa's reindeer.



In Romania, boys go from house to house singing carols, reciting poetry and legend during the Christmas season. The leader carries a large wooden star called a "Steaua." It is covered with gilt paper and adorned with bells and frills of colored ribbons. A picture of the Holy Family is painted or pasted in the center, which is illuminated with a candle. This wooden star is attached to the top of a stout pole, such as the handle of a broomstick.

American carolers could add color and distinction to their group by making and carrying a "Steaua" as they go about singing during the Christmas season.

In Poland: Christmas dinner is served in the evening, just as the evening star appears in the winter sky. The meal consists of twelve courses--one for each of the Apostles. They have a saying, "Our hearts are open to stranger, kith and kin," so one empty seat is always left at the table in case an unknown traveler should appear to share the meal.

In Mexico: Children enjoy the Pinata, a fragile earthen jar made especially to hold toys and favors. They are gaily decorated; some look like clowns or fat people, some have Christmas symbols. Children form a circle around it and one child, blindfolded, tries to break it. If he fails in three tries, another is given the opportunity. When it is broken and small gifts pour down onto the floor, all make a wild scramble to obtain their share. Sometimes three pinatas are hung in the room--one filled with water; one with confetti, and another with gifts, sweets and fruits which is the good pinata.

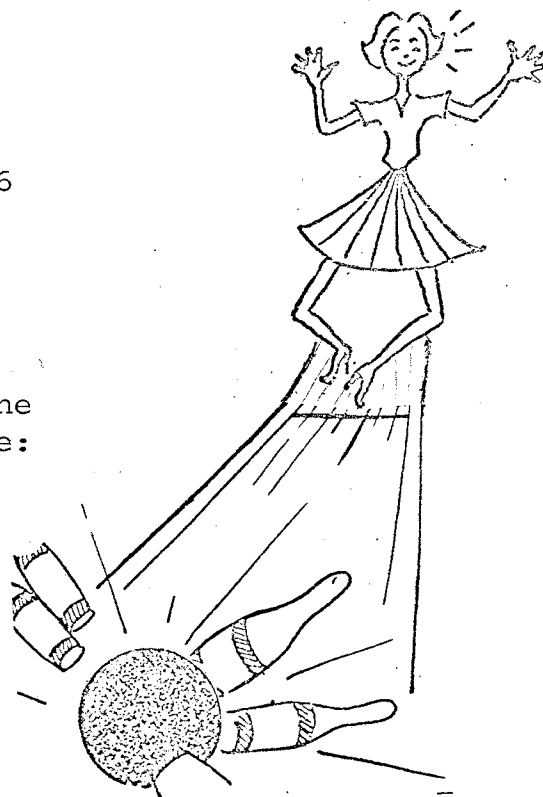


The bowling this season has really been terrific -- proof of this are the several "300" two-game series that have been bowled the first nine weeks -- they are:

Darlene Daniels	302
Carol Daly	304
Judy McConnell	301
Dee Hughes	311, 306, 330, and 306
Anna Marie Stewart	305
Doris Latrom	305
Janeen Booker	304
Deloris Sorensen (sub)	307

Further evidence of this improved bowling are the many splits that have been picked up -- they are:

Janeen Booker	7 - 6 - 10
Anna Marie Stewart	7 - 5 - 9 - 10
Lucille Bradshaw	5 - 7 twice
Dee Hughes	8 - 10 & 5 - 7
Norma Dow	5 - 7
Ruth Swanson	5 - 7
Ruth Rosenberg (sub)	6 - 4 & 5 - 10
Shary Lentfer	4 - 5
Judy McConnell	5 - 4 - 7
Linda Berogan	5 - 6
Carole Metteer	5 - 6
Linda Williams (sub)	6 - 7 - 10
Juanita Martin (sub)	3 - 7



After one full round of bowling, the Jelly Rollers (captained by Ruth Swanson) still have not been toppled from first place. They have taken quite a commanding lead, having won five games more than the second place team, the Bowlettes, (captained by Ida Katt).

Pat Hageman, Secretary

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P S P

Notice to those of you who are working toward a Professional Standards Certificate.

Time spent at the secretarial Proficiency Program held on November 20-21, 1967, at the Nebraska Union can be counted toward obtaining the certificate. The Program was co-sponsored by the University of Nebraska Department of Personnel and International Business Machines Corporation Educational Services Department.

Hopefully, there will be a P S P meeting scheduled in January. More information will be available at that time. Watch for an announcement!

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UNOPA and many friends of Hazel McCord send their best to her. Hazel was struck by an automobile on November 15 and was hospitalized. She is at Bryan Memorial Hospital and would enjoy hearing from her friends on campus. We miss you Hazel.

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MINUTES

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

November 8, 1967

The University of Nebraska Office Personnel Association met for a noon luncheon at the Foods and Nutrition Building on the East Campus, with 73 present.

The business meeting was called to order by President Doris Lesoing. The minutes were approved as read. Irma Lingren, Treasurer, gave the following report:

Disbursements in October

Ida Gilbert - September meeting	\$ 2.60
Inter-Club Council	1.00
NAES Dues	5.00
Agnes Morris - Yearbook supplies	5.29
	<u>\$13.89</u>

Deposits

Membership dues	\$24.00
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Balance on hand November 1, 1967 \$120.00

Membership Chairman Sharryn Stake announced we now have a membership of 125.

Lila Chisholm announced that the next meeting, on the evening of December 5th, will be our annual Christmas Party at the Nebraska Union, with Vicki Stephenson, LaDonna Marquart, Eunice Everett and Hazel McCord in charge.

Edna Shimerda, Chairman of the Newsletter Committee, requested more news items for the monthly letter. She then introduced the members of her committee, Donna Ripley, Doris Latrom, and Hazel McCord.

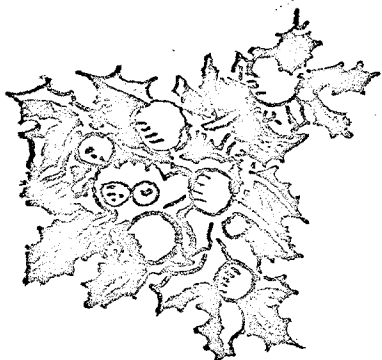
There was no old or new business. After introduction of a number of guests, the business meeting was adjourned.

Program Chairman Lila Chisholm introduced the Chairman for the luncheon, Clarice Orr. Clarice introduced her committee member Lucile Miles and then turned the meeting over to Charlotte Jackson who introduced Mrs. Ruby Gingles, Associate Director of the School of Home Economics. Mrs. Gingles spoke most interestingly on the work of the Department of Human Development and the Family. She mentioned plans for a Human Development Laboratory Building in place of the present Child Development Lab, so development may be studied at all levels from infancy to the nursing home age. Their object is working to create better families and their approach is to be from the positive side rather than the negative.

Curt Donaldson, a representative from the Association of Students from the University of Nebraska (ASUN), spoke briefly in favor of the Minimum Housing Code to be voted on on November 16th.

/S/ Katharine M. Lewis, Recording Sec'y

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A "Kissing Bough" to: last month's Program Committee, Mrs. Gingles, and all who assisted in the delightfully informative and well-managed meeting.

(A large branch of pine or bough of a tree covered with holly is a gay variation of the mistletoe. You can add a number of scarlet Christmas bells--bright versions of nature's berries. It may be hung in the room or used as a door decoration.)

BON VOYAGE, CAROL!

Although we know she will enjoy her new duties at Doane College, we are going to miss Carol Znamenacek who served UNOPA well as Historian last year and this far into the current year. Carol lives at 1925 Kingwood Avenue in Crete, Nebraska. We will continue to think of her as a member and a "goodwill ambassador" among the office personnel at Doane.

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There is sorrow, too, at Christmas and our thoughts are with Rose Frolik at the death of her mother. We extend our deep sympathy to you and yours, Rose.

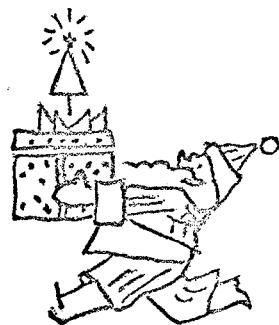
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The CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Union, December 5th (7:30) sounds like fun! See you there.

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We think SANTA--

should deliver his brightest, shiniest package to Sharryn Stake and her committee for the tremendous amount of work that went into compiling the revised membership list we received and we're happy to report that there are already some additions to be made.



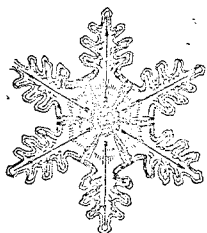
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Snapdragon

One of the oldest Christmas games is called "Snapdragon." A quantity of raisins are put into a large, shallow bowl with brandy or some other spirit poured over it and the fruit ignited. The bystanders endeavor, in turn, to grasp a raisin by plunging their hands through the flames. It is usual to turn out all lights in the room to give a weird effect.

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S N O W S T A R
--Anna Balmer Myers



I walked upon a lonely street
With steps the tired know,

When soft upon my sleeve there fell
A pointed flake of snow.

In solitary loveliness
The perfect crystal lay. . .

A star that knew a moment's form,
Then blurred and slipped away.

But beauty thronged the lonely place;
My feet were heaven-shod. . .

Because I held, just for a breath,
A little star from God!